TIPPIT, JD

JFK assassination records appeals
J.D.Tippit; personnel record

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You have not acted on my appeal, which I believe in part was based on the fact that the murdered Tippit became a public figure and the fact that the investigation of his murder was part of the Warren Commission's mandate.

In its touted investigation in which it allegedly left no stone unturned the FBI did not get around to taking a look at Tippit for more than six months and then did it at the Commission's request. Then, in a 6/1/64 memo to Belmont, Rosen opened by referring to "interesting details" about Tippit in his personnel file.

This memo (62-109060-3194) summarizes what the FBI withheld elsewhere, leading to my appeal.

Some is relevant to what happened to him, for it is unusual that he left his car without having his pistol where he could use it, if he thought he was actually intercepting the Presidential assassin, the official story.

Some is relevant to his just ignoring a call to him on the police radio, just before he was killed and just at a time police a car was reported outside the Oswald rooming house.

There are other relevant factors I do not go into.

This disclosed memo reveals a summary of "a psychiatric report" on Tippit. It "characterizes Tippit as 'wholly devoid of imaginative facilities.' It indicates his interests and achievements were limited...it was noted that errors of judgement could be expected..." (I note one judgemental error above. Relating to lack of achievement, he never earned a promotion in his 10 years on the police force.)

His failure to respond to the radio call noted above was not the first time. However often he practised this, he was charged with it three times.

And as for getting himself killed, there was a prior similar occasion when his life was saved only when the pistol at his head didn't fire. And then when he was making an arrest of a wanted criminal.

All pretty provocative. The full record should be disclosed.